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TAGS: TGEN, AS
SUBJECT: LONG-LIVED ATMOSPHERIC MONITORING BALLOON (LLAMB)

REF: CANBERRA 2270

1. LLAMB PROJECT DIRECTOR IN CHRISTCHURCH, MARCEL VERSTRAETTE, ADVISES THE EMBASSY THAT LLAMB WAS LAUNCHED FEBRUARY 7, 1978 FROM CHRISTCHURCH. IT MAINTAINED ITS PROGRAMMED ALTITUDE OF 48,000 FEET (PLUS OR MINUS 900 FEET), BUT UNUSUAL ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS CAUSED BALLOON TO DRIFT APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN DEGREES NORTH OF EQUATOR, AND AUTOMATIC CUT-DOWN DEVICE RESULTED IN BALLOON BEING CUT DOWN ON MARCH 18, 1978. HE BELIEVES DEPARTMENT OF STATE WAS NOTIFIED AT THAT TIME. INASMUCH AS BALLOON WAS EXPECTED TO CIRCUMNAVIGATE THE GLOBE FOR SEVERAL YEARS, PERHAPS AS MUCH AS TEN YEARS, NORTHERN HEMISPHERE DRIFT AND RESULTING CUT-DOWN CAME AS REAL LOSS TO THE LLAMB PROGRAM. NO SIMILAR BALLOON LAUNCHES ARE CURRENTLY SCHEDULED.
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